orders have been issued to regulate the lolcal purchase of non-listed medicines.

(b) This formally is not required for listed medicines.

(c) to (e) As present there is no such proposal for listed medicines as these are on the approved formulary of CGHS.

Demand for Financial Autonomy and Greater Share to States

3562. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is growing demand for grant of financial autnomy, economic freedom and greater share for States of the Indian Union; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The Centre-State financial relationship is governed by the Constitution of India. The States have a separate Consolidated Fund, Contigency Fund and a Public Account of their own. Subject to various provisions of the Constitution, States are financially autonomous and are accountable to their respective State Legislatures.

However, the recommendations of the Sarkaria Commission on Centre-State Relations relating to the legislative, administrative and financial matters, etc. are being considered by the Sub-Committee appointed by the Inter-State Council. The Sub-Committee has so far considered 190 out of 247 recommendations. The remaining recommendations are yet to be finalised by the Sub-Committee. After consideration by the Sub-Committee, these recommendations will be placed before the Inter-State Council. The views of the Inter-State Council, thereafter will be submitted to the Government for its consideration and decision.

Referring 10th Finance Commission recommendations to committee

3563. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of FI NANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 10th Finance Commission recommendations regarding the pooling of all Central taxes for sharing with States have been referred to a Committee;

(b) if so, the terms of reference of the Committee and its composition; and

(c) the time by when the Committee is likely to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) No Committee has been constituted by the Ministry of Finance for considering the recommendations of the Tenth Finance Commission regarding the pooling of all Central taxes for sharing with the States. In the Budget speech it was announced that a discussion paper would be circulated to Hon'ble Members on the 10th Finance Commission's recommendation to form a single divisible pool of taxes to be shared between the Centre and the States.

Status of a full fledged T.V. Centre for Silchar

3564. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROAD CASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Silchar is only a relay T.V. centre and not a full fledged centre;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether it is a fact that news in local language is not broadcast from the Silchar T.V. centre; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM): (a) and (b) The existing Doordarshan Kendra at Silchar in Assam is a full fledged Kendra, comprising of a High Power (10KW) T.V.